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Country of Origin Labeling Program
Agricultural Marketing Services, U.S.D.A.

I am part owner of a custom cattle feedlot in South Texas with capacity for 12,000 head.

I am opposed to mandatory country of origin labeling because of cost involved to implement the program. A voluntary program will not tie the industry to an expensive program where the results are unknown.

Our feedlot has a broad customer base with several feeders in the cow/calf business. All of our customers are against mandatory country of origin labeling.

Sincerely,

Bob Owens, Manager
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